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EPA honors UM as top commuter workplace

MISSOULA - At least the campus isn't smoggy.

The EPA named the University of Montana one of the Best Workplaces for Commuters among the nation's colleges and universities.

Campuses on the list demonstrate their environmental leadership by offering outstanding commuter benefits, meeting EPA's National Standard of Excellence.

"By giving their employees these options, UM is helping improve air quality, save energy and reduce traffic congestion." Said Margo Oge, director of EPA's Office of Air Quality and Transportation.

The EPA noted UM's excellent benefits, such as providing a 100 percent transit subsidy, purchasing bikes that employees can sign out and use on an as-needed basis, rideshare and carpool matching services, and park-and-ride and vanpool staging areas.

They also noted the school's preferred parking and reduced parking costs for carpools and vanpools, secure bicycle parking, showers and lockers, employee commuting awards and a lunchtime shuttle service.